



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Senate Bill 38	Senate Substitute Amendment 1
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CURRENT LAW

Current law provides that, unless different limits are indicated by official traffic signs, the speed limit is 15 miles per hour when passing an *intersection* properly marked with a “school crossing” sign of a type approved by the Department of Transportation (DOT) when *children* are present.

2001 SENATE BILL 38

2001 Senate Bill 38 amends current law to impose this speed limit when passing an intersection properly marked with a DOT-approved school crossing sign when *any child or a school crossing guard* is present, rather than when any children are present.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO 2001 SENATE BILL 38

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 38 includes the provisions of the bill which apply the 15 miles per hour speed limit when passing an intersection properly marked with a school crossing sign when any child or a crossing guard is present. However, the substitute amendment *also* applies this speed limit to properly marked school crossings that are *not* at an intersection, for example, a school crossing that is mid-block.

Specifically, if the substitute amendment were adopted and the bill enacted, as amended, the statutes would provide that, unless a different limit is indicated by official traffic signs, there is a 15 miles per hour speed limit when passing an intersection or other location properly marked with a DOT-approved school crossing sign when any of the following conditions exist:

1. Any child is present.

2. A school crossing guard is within a crosswalk at the intersection or the other location or, if no crosswalk exists, is in the roadway at the intersection or the other location.
3. A school crossing guard is placing in or removing from the roadway at or near the intersection or the other location a temporary sign or device that guides, warns, or regulates traffic.

The Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, and Transportation introduced and recommended adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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